Relief package to dependents of militants in J and K

2112. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Government has decided to provide relief package to the dependents of militants killed in encounter with security forces in Jammu and Kashmir;

if so, the details thereof including the funds allocated for this purpose; and

how many families are likely to be benefited by this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPARAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As yet no decision is taken on this issue.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Probe into land deals near India-Pakistan Border in Jaisalmer

2113. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Government has since completed its probe into the mysterious land deals involving Crores of rupees near India-Pakistan Border in Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan;

if so, the details thereof; and

if so, the action Government has taken against the persons found involved in the deal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) Government is aware that large scale land transaction have taken place in the border areas of Rajasthan. The Rajasthan Government has initiated a detailed inquiry into these transactions with the intention of identifying the purchasers and ascertaining the bonafides/motives behind such transactions. Preliminary enquiries indicate that lands have also been purchased by parties not belonging to Rajasthan. Government of Rajasthan have since placed four (4) sub-registrars under suspension for procedural violations and have started disciplinary action against other officials.

While speculation linked to expectations about improved highway connectivity, new projects of irrigation and prospects of oil and gas finds may be a factors for accelerated investment in land in these areas, a definitive conclusion/analysis will be possible only after completion of the detailed enquiry being undertaken by the Government of Rajasthan with the support of the Central Government agencies. A high level review on the subject matter has also been held in the Ministry of Home Affairs and the issue is being closely monitored in coordination with the State Government, from time to time.

Fencing on Kutch Border

2114. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether Government is aware that the fencing work of Kutch border is not completed;

if so, how many kilometers of border fencing work is not completed, the reasons therefor;

does Government have any plan to provide photo identity card to people in border areas, including the cases of intruders crossing the border since last three years; and

what action have been taken by Government to develop border area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) 215 kms. fencing has so far been completed as against 310 km sanctioned, in Gujarat Sector, thereby, leaving a stretch of 95 kms. to be completed. The reasons for delay in completion of fencing work are as under:—

(i) Peculiar unforeseen and unpredictable geographical conditions prevailing in the Rann of Kutch area.

(ii) Keeping in view of the experiences of devastating earthquakes occurred on 26th January, 2001, severe floods and heavy rainfall in 2003 and unprecedented severe devastating flood in 2006, the recommendations of Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) were obtained from time to time based on which changes were made in the specification. This resulted in cost and time overrun.

(iii) Works are implemented in far away locations involving higher cost of transportation of construction material and machinery.

(iv) Due to unprecedented natural calamities higher specifications were adopted. Additional drainage layer was provided in the embankment, resulting in cost escalation.

(v) Some sites are prone to more floods and, therefore, embankment height was kept more, resulting in cost escalation.

Action is being taken for early completion of precedural formalities to commence the construction of remaining portion of fencing in Gujarat Sector, expeditiously.

As part of the pilot project of issue of Multi-purpose National Identity Card (MNIC), covering 12 States and 1 Union Territory, the Lakhpat taluk of Kutch district of Gujarat, has been included in the scheme. However, no decision has been taken, so far, with respect to issue of identity cards to other border areas of Gujarat. In respect of intruders, they are dealt as per law of the land and the question of issue of identity cards to the intruders, who are citizens of other countries does not arise.. 127 intruders were apprehended by the BSF 2005 in the Gujarat sector.

Border Area Development Programme (BADP) is implemented in 361 border blocks of 96 districts covering 17 States. Various works such as construction of link roads, provisions of water pipeline to border villages for supply of drinking water, provision of electricity, construction of school building, hospitals, etc. are implemented under BADP for comprehensive development of border areas as well as border population. An amount of Rs. 635 crore has been allocated for the BADP in the financial year 2008-09. Action has also been taken to implement various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) and flagship schemes of Government of lndia in the border areas through the respective central ministries.

As part of the comprehensive fencing work in the borders of India-Pakistan and India-Bangladesh construction of roads are also taken up by the MHA. Further, as a special package, construction of roads along the India-China, India-Nepal and India-Bhutan are also proposed to be taken up by MHA. In addition, construction of roads under the Central Scheme *viz* Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) of Ministry of Rural Development are also being taken up.